

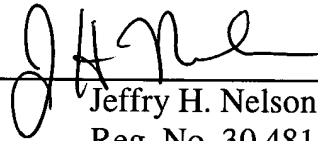
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The allowance of claims 11 to 23 is appreciated. Claims 1 to 10 have been cancelled without prejudice. All pending claims have been allowed. If any small matter remains outstanding, the Examiner is requested to telephone applicants' attorney. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of this application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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